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SUBJECT: MADAGASCAR UNLIKELY TO USE WTO RAW SUGAR TARIFF
RATE QUOTA

REF: STATE 31013

11. (SBU) The USG does not recognize the current government of Madagascar, following a military coup in March 2009; we were thus unable to request the most recent statistics sought in reftel on raw sugar exports. However, Madagascar has not fulfilled its US quota since 2004, and remains a net importer of sugar, bringing in roughly 100,000 tons of sugar each year, primarily from Brazil and South Africa. Madagascar exports 12,000 tons of sugar to the European Union, due to beneficial trade preferences, but no longer exports any to the United States.
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